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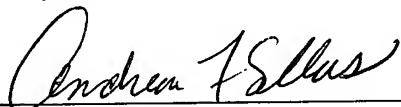
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It is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed is patentable over
the listed references.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), the references listed below and on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A (Substitute for Form 1449A-B/PTO) are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Submission of these references is not an admission that the references constitute prior art.

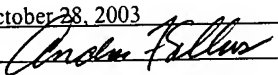
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None.

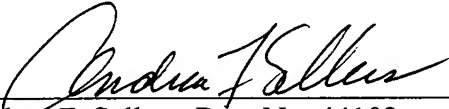
Applicants respectfully request that these references be made of record in the above-identified application and considered by the Examiner during prosecution of the application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed is patentable over the listed references.

This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d) or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is due.

Acknowledgment of receipt is respectfully requested.

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